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Alumnus dies after 1,500-foot fall

A former kinesiology major died Tuesday while hiking Devil's Backbone on Mount Baldy.

By Trang Le & Ariana Sawyer
Staff Writers



Courtesy of Trang Le

Cal State Long Beach graduate Daniel Nguyen was pronounced dead after he fell 1,500 feet trying to save a friend while hiking Mt. Baldy Tuesday.

Cal State Long Beach graduate Daniel Nguyen died after he slipped and fell 1,500 feet down Mount Baldy in the San Bernadino Mountains Tuesday morning.

Nguyen was saving a friend from slipping at the time. He was hiking with two other CSULB students during the incident, who asked not to have their names printed.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department located the kinesiology graduate and Outdoor Adventure Club member at 9 a.m. after receiving a 911 call at 7:41 a.m. from a hiker who reported Nguyen missing, according to the San Bernardino Coroner's report.

Nguyen, 23, was pronounced dead on scene at 5:16 p.m. He graduated from CSULB in 2015.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident.

He was active outdoors and was often found rock climbing, backpacking, and participating in other outdoor activities.

"He had ambition," said Guillermo Ordenes, a 28-year-old geography major. "When we summited Baldy in 80 mph winds, he felt he could do anything. He took the best photos and inspired me to get my own camera."

Nguyen intended to participate at an outdoor conservation and trail building internship in Arizona in April with AmeriCorps. He had also planned to complete the Six Pack of Peaks Challenge this year with a group of friends from the university.

"Everybody was bawling and crying when the teacher told us," Sutton York, a film major, said of her Wednesday mountaineering class with wilderness professor Don DeGree. York said DeGree, who does search and rescue in Big Bear, had received a call to search for a body on Mount Baldy earlier in the day, only to realize later that the call was about Nguyen.

A GoFundMe fundraiser has been organized to help with proceeds toward Nguyen's family and his funeral, with over $10,000 being raised in less than 24 hours. The fundraiser says the funeral will likely cost around $20,000.

Although details of when the funeral will take place are still unavailable, the Outdoor Adventure Club plans to host a bonfire in memoriam for Nguyen.

Rain, rain, need more rain

With rain and windy weather past us, scientists look to the following months for changes in the drought.

By Sara DeLeon
Staff Writer

The much anticipated storm of the year, El Niño, sparked questions among Southern Californians whether it would benefit the drought, especially with the high winds and rain from this past weekend.

The conditions from the biggest storm of the season rose water levels in California's two biggest water storage facilities, Folsom Lake near Sacramento and Lake Oroville near Butte County in Northern California, according to the National Integrated Drought Information System, but the storm did not affect the drought.

Although hopes run high for the phenomenon to bring some relief to drought-affected areas, El Niño brings no guarantee of more rain or snow where it is most needed, as other unpredictable weather and climate factors can impact seasonal precipitation totals and location in addition to El Nino, according to NIDIS.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration released a drought outlook for January 2016, which indicates an improvement for the coast but a worsening or continuation of the drought in the central region.

Lake Folsom rose 44 feet in over a month and Lake Oroville rose 20 feet, according to NIDIS. This does not mean drought conditions will get better, but the following months should provide more information on the effects of the storm.

How much water the state has accumulated from the snowpack during the past winter season has yet to be seen in March and April, California state climatologist Michael Anderson said. But he said he feels a "cautious optimism" and said that "we're better than we have been."

On a larger scale, runoff from melting snow feeds streams and rivers that supply water for agriculture and cities. In managed watersheds, earlier melting of snow can change when and how much water is available for various uses, the NOAA explained.

Parts of California, mostly central, are in the D4: Exceptional Drought category for drought intensity, the most severe case according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor graphic from the National Mitigation Center.

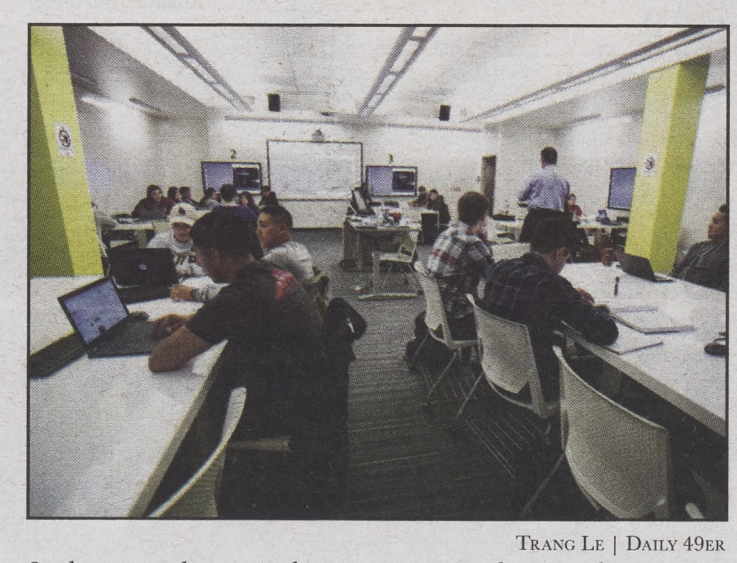
This drought has unique characteristics never seen before and set a new record low in 2015 for snowpack accumulation due to warmer temperatures during the storm, pushing the snowline higher than usual decreasing a

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Technology offers alternative opportunities for student success

Technologies funded at CSULB attempt to bridge the gap between in person and online education.

By Lindsey Peters
Assistant Design Editor



Trang Le | Daily 49er

Students attend a criminal justice in an active learning classroom in the Academic Services building Wednesday.

It could be unnerving sitting in a classroom, marker in hand, knowing the mark won't stain the table, but being unable to stop thinking it will. Then the lights go down and each individual screen flips on, reminiscent of a drive-in movie but at the table.

Technologies on campus, including the active learning classrooms, are altering students' educational experiences.

Each of these classrooms cost from $100,000 to $150,000 plus additional costs if the actual room needs remodeling, Mike Uhlenkamp, executive director of news at Cal State Long Beach, said in an email.

Linguistics major Jennifer Rodriguez attends her Linguistics 420 Phonology class in an active learning classroom. Rodriguez said the resources available in the rooms aid in learning more obscure languages.

"[My class] is incorporating a lot [of] information that's, for the most part, found online as opposed to text," Rodriguez said. "It's smaller languages so there's not a lot of written work out there versus stuff people post online."

Senior geography major Daniel Gamboa said he sees the value of the classrooms but thinks there are limitations.

"Your face is on one screen or on your desk instead of facing the professor," Gamboa said. "I think the one-to-one [interaction], you're kind of missing out on that."

Beyond the 10 active learning classrooms found in the Language Arts, Business Administration and Academic Services buildings with monitors installed at the tables and wall-scribbling capabilities, there are more programs at CSULB exploring technology's role in education.

The CSU-wide Course Redesign with Technology program is funded by the Chancellor's office. For the 2015-16 year, CSULB received $246,458, according to Uhlenkamp.

Uhlenkamp said the program helps instructors to restructure their course using technology or to build upon an already successful redesign model.

"If [instructors] have been doing things in terms of incorporating technology into a class and [they] can show us results that show that this leads to student's success then we want to help [them] do more of that," Uhlenkamp said.

Over the winter break, more than 30 faculty members underwent intensive training to restructure existing courses.

Instructors can incorporate technology by adopting either a hybrid model, where half the class is online,

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ASI

Senate mandates representation at CSSA meetings

ASI approves a resolution to require the president's presence at CSSA meetings, replacing senator compensation with a scholarship is discussed.

BY BRANDON FLICKINGER
Staff Writer

Associated Students Inc. Senate approved a resolution Wednesday that will require President Jose Salazar to attend California State Student Association meetings . The resolution was authored by Marvin Flores and Logan Vournas, both senators-at-large.

The CSSA, a large student organization encompassing 23 colleges, charges $2 from every student in the form of a Student Involvement Representation Fund fee unless the student opts out of the charge.

The senate determined that this fee called for greater representation at the CSSA meetings. The president will also be allowed to send a representative.

ASI also discussed replacing the present compensation that senators receive with a scholarship, and will come before the senate at a future date.

The proposed scholarship replacement would count as student aid, meaning that students would no longer be able to receive maximum student aid in addition to compensation from working on the senate. However, the current ban on senators taking on a second job would be lifted, permitting them to supplement their income with other work. It's unknown if the dollar amount of the pay would change, as the amount presently paid is already in excess of the allocated budget, according to ASI Executive Director Richard Haller.

The scholarship would be the only way to ensure that all students, regardless of immigration status, could receive payment for their position, Haller said.

"We have to think of the moral stance of this:, is it okay for a student to have $22,000 from this and also receive an almost $22,000 scholarship;, almost make as much as a teacher?", said Salazar.

A senate resolution to create a cCabinet position for a secretary of iInternational aAffairs had its second reading, the last one before it's decided on. Author Fatima Hasan expressed her hope that the position would not only be created, but remain in place to represent international students and help them understand their legal status.

Long Beach Transit announces new bus schedules

Changes in public transportation may meet CSULB students' growing demands for more frequent bus service.

BY ERIK ÖHRSTRÖM
Staff Writer

Due to change in demand of public transportation, Long Beach Transit announced new service changes that will take effect on Feb. 7.

Since many students typically end their school day between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., westbound bus lines 91, 92, 93, 94 and 96 will arrive every 8 minutes instead of 10 during that time. Westbound service of Line 171 will also add one more trip during the same period. LBT has added an additional trip to line 121 due to the high demand and will arrive every 16-18 minutes instead of 20.

The public transit system in Long Beach currently serves 28 million people, including areas reaching Compton, Carson, Artesia, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, Norwalk, Bellflower, Cerritos, Paramount and Hawaiian gardens. The routes of major lines will remain unchanged, except for the Passport service, and students at Cal State Long Beach may be served better during times of high demand.

The Passport service, which still is being offered for free, will have a rescheduled route in order to serve popular destinations in the downtown areas, including the business districts and the East Village Arts districts.

The first and last hour of service on the Passport line will run every 60 minutes instead of 30 due to low demand.

For more on changes to LBT routes, go to www.lbtransit.com.

February 2016
Black History Month

1	2	3	4 – African Traditions of Love Lecture by Okera Damani (7:30 p.m.) Shades of Afrika, 1001 E. Fourth Street (Free). –A Phi A: Poetic Justice Movie Night (7-9 p.m.) Location TBA	5	6 –Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow - A Black History Month Celebration (6 p.m.) Expo Arts Center, 4321 Atlantic Ave. (Free)	7
8 –Sunday Gospel Brunch (1 p.m.) 4321 Atlantic Ave. $20 for adults, $13 for children	9 – Eritrean Ethiopian Student Association & Black Student Union Study Jam (Feb. 9, 16, and 23, every Tuesday) –Baptist Collegiate Ministry Meeting (Feb. 9, 16, and 23, every Tuesday)	10	11 –Black Student Union Meeting (3:15-5 p.m.) USU 205	12	13	14 –King Park After School: Discover Black Poets (2.-6 p.m.) Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave. (Free, ages 5-14)
15 –MCC and Sisterfriends: #BlackHerstory (6-7:30 p.m.) USU Ballrooms	16 –KPAS: Famous Black Athletes (2-6 p.m.) 1950 Lemon Ave. (Free, ages 5-14) –What's in A Name: Shall We Be Black, African, or African American as We Go Forward by Shujaa Baker (7:30 p.m.) 1001 E. Fourth St. (Free)	17	18	19 –Black Women in American Culture and History (3:30 p.m.) Bethel Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, 1953 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. (Free) –MLK Day of Service (12-5 p.m.) Multicultural Center	20	21
22 –Same Gender Loving/ LGBTQ Panel Discussion, Anatol Center (Inside Academic Services building)	23 –McBride Park After School: Black History Celebration (3 p.m.) Location: Ernest McBride Park 1550 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. (Free, ages 5-12) –"Red River Sankofa Project" researching family history by George Allen & Derek Holt (7:30 p.m.) Shades of Afrika, 1001 E. Fourth St. (Free) –ASSA: MLK Celebration Lunch (12-1 p.m.) Location TBA –Baptist Collegiate Ministry Meeting (Feb. 9, 16, and 23, every Tuesday)	24 –KPAS: Black History Celebration (2-6 p.m.) Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Ave. (Free, ages 5-14)	25 –Health Forum (2-5 p.m.) Bliss Restaurant 525 E. Broadway (Free) –ASSA: Black History Experience (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) Location TBA –BSU Meeting (3:15-5 p.m.) Alamitos Bay USU Second Floor –10th Annual African-American Festival (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way ($13.95-$24.95)	26 –10th Annual African-American Festival (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way ($13.95-$24.95) –BSU - Black State of the Union (12-3 p.m.) Location TBA	27	28 –"More than a Month" documentary film & panel discussion (6 p.m.) Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Ave. (Free)
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or a flipped model, which makes lectures available online before class through videos, podcasts, or audio recordings.

"You have a more robust discussion rather than just sitting there and having them regurgitate that stuff to you," Uhlenkamp said. "You've already taken [the lecture] in and you have a lot more time to drill down and really get into it."

According to President Jane Close Conoley, putting classes totally online can help by giving busy students a chance to fit a class into their already full schedule. The modern design of flipped and hybrid classes can focus on creating a collaborative community for students.

"Now when we design these things we're trying to get the most out of the technology but try to build the human experience," Conoley said.

Galen Pickett, a professor in the Physics and Astronomy department, said the physics department sought support from the program to take the successful redesign they've already done and further develop a successful feature: online physical science labs.

"We recognized it would give us resources not only to look at how people do in individual courses but see how the courses relate to each other," Pickett said. "How to make success in one course relate to success in another and another."

The Koondis software used in the course takes groups of three or four students with an instructor-given prompt. Students can then work through the lab like a small-scale academic research project. Pickett said the lab works because of how authentic the experience is.

Shawna Dark, vice president of academic technology, said the flipped and hybrid models of classes have been successful uses of technology that still maintain the in-person classroom experience.

"You can take material that is easier for students to get online and then have them come in the classroom where they are doing that collaborative learning and exchange of information," Dark said. "So in some respects that really is the best of both worlds."

Dark said another technological resource that's still preserved personal communication is the electronic advising software, or e-advising.

The program tracks student progress and alerts their academic adviser if grades slip below C range. According to Dark, advisers then reach out to students instead of waiting for students to come to them.

"This is specifically designed so that we have a more personal touch and proactive interaction on a personal level," Dark said.

Both Gov. Jerry Brown's latest proposed budget and discussions during CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White's recent visit to Cal State Long Beach focused on technology.

White spoke with faculty during an open forum at CSULB Jan. 21 and said technology is one of his main concerns when it comes to learning outcomes, and that he would like to "use technology wisely to take advantage of the value it can bring to the university," while Gov. Brown's budget proposal plans continued funding of technology to promote student success.

Uhlenkamp said the Course Redesign program will be an ongoing project for CSULB.



BRIAN VAN DER BRUG | LOS ANGELES TIMES | TNS

The water is still hundreds of yards away from normal levels in Granite Bay, but the water is rising at Folsom Lake.

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chance for snow pack, Anderson said.

Below-normal precipitation is more likely in Southern California in the next 10-day forecast, February 2-6, and many of the larger reservoir levels in Northern California and southern Oregon are below half capacity, according to Mark Svoboda from the National Drought Mitigation Center in his summary of the current national drought in the West.

More research is needed for information on the long-term drought.

The long-term drought has no predictability, but according to Anderson, a research community is in place made up of research scientists from NASA, NOAA and universities including the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and UC San Diego.

"On the short-term, most of California has had a good winter (wet season), and this has allowed many of the short-term indicators that are analyzed to show positive results," Brian A. Fuchs, Associate Geoscientist and Climatologist for the NDMC, said in an email. "But, after 3-4 years of drought, the long-term impacts are still hanging on and it may be into next year before the drought is improved enough to have all of California drought-free."



Get Bowled 2016

BY SHAWNKIRA SANCHEZ
Arts & Life Asst. Editor

Super Bowl Sunday: one of the few times (apart from the holidays) that it is acceptable, and almost required, to stuff our faces with food. Sure, Super Bowl Sunday can be enjoyed from the comfort of your own couch, but if you wish to enjoy the big game day with other football fans who are just as pumped up as you are, tackle some of Long Beach's local bar hot spots.

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Latino Student Union returns with a bang

Latino Student Union hosts Latin@ Welcome to involve Latino and Latina students on campus.

BY JORGE PANIAGUA
Staff Writer

Banda music, cultural snacks and aguas frescas — you are cordially invited to Latin@ Welcome.

Latin@ Welcome is the Latino Student Union's upcoming event inviting Latino students to connect with one another and familiarize themselves with the many Latino organizations on campus.

"With a mix of tabling and fundraising by each organization in LSU, we hope to increase membership and participation within [LSU]," President Marco Romero said.

Latino Student Union aims to encourage Latino and Latina students to become involved on campus in an effort to develop their leadership skills.

Latin@ Welcome will host over 11 Latino campus organizations, including Hispanic Student Business Association, Latinos in Science and Engineering, and Hermanas Unidas.

The diversity of organizations participating in the event will provide students with an array of organizations they could become a part of, according to Romero.

"All Latino organizations on campus are unique from the name of their organization to their mission statements," LSU Vice President Emelyne Camacho said. "We are not the same. Latinos make up one-third of the school and our numbers reflected through our organizations don't add up."

Because all Latino campus organizations are under the umbrella of the Latino Student Union, Latin@ Welcome was able to become a "Week of Welcome" for Latinos, Latinas and anyone interested in Latin-American culture.

"Our hermanas are enthusiastic about participating in the Latin@ Welcome." Gabriela Chavez, public relations chair for Hermanas Unidas, said. "Not only as a method [of] recruitment, but simply to be able to continue connecting with and supporting other Latino organizations on campus."

Latin@ Welcome will take place today on the Speaker's Platform, in front of the bookstore, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Letter to the Editor

In the Jan. 28 edition of Daily 49er, we published a satirical piece written by Kevin Flores entitled "Endorsement: Donald Trump will lead with fear." The piece was meant as a mock endorsement of the Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump. The Letter to the Editor below was recieved in response to the piece. A response from the writer follows.

Dear Mr. Flores,

Oh, well, you know, I think you really blew it on that rather sophomoric oped piece of yours that was printed in last week's edition of Daily 49er. Reading it, what I got from all your tongue-in-cheek irony was that no damage to our prestige over the past eight years has occurred, that our national security is not compromised by a porous border, that neither China nor terrorism are posing any sort of problems or dangers to the U.S., and that if you think otherwise, then you must not be real with-it. Correct me if I'm wrong, but that was the gist that I got from reading your piece, which, if my interpretation is valid, you really just used an ad hominem argument. And if I am way offbase with my interpretation, then maybe I missed something in the cutesy style you wrote it in.

And then your statement "He will make America white...err, great, again." All this is a blatant swipe against white people; and if you try to say it isn't, I don't think any self-respecting person who was born white should believe your denial. But, don't get me wrong, please. I'm glad you said this. Thank you. People like you who make such irresponsible statements just validate the suspicion of nobody knows how many millions of white people (reading newspapers, listening to the radio, perusing the internet, etc.), in a country of 300+ millions of people, that that there is an agenda afoot against whites. I've seen Daily 49er staff members fired for littler shit than that, when the slight was directed at some non-white group.

Have you considered the possibility of a strong undercurrent of discontent with the status quo on the part of the European descended population of this country that may one day bite it right in the ass? When all Trump seems to need to do is make statements in favor of closing the border to keep out hordes of people who present more of a burden than an asset to society, and for vetting entrants into the U.S. whose religious ideology has shown them to be bent on killing and hurting a whole bunch of people, and then watch his popularity ratings soar through the roof, then maybe he and those who support him need to be viewed with other than cynicism.

-John P. Reidy; CSULB alumnus, December 1985.

Dear Mr. Reidy,

Rest assured, I do not regard Mr. Trump with cynicism—that would be giving him too much credit. However I do reserve a healthy dose of derision and contempt for the man.

The reason being that time after time he has shown a dangerous disregard for the truth that goes beyond the usual puffery and pandering politicians employ. Not knowing better, one would be inclined to call Mr. Trump a pathological liar. However, he is something much worst: a bullshit artist.

The distinction between the two is best explained in the book "On Bullshit," by Harry G. Frankfurt, an emeritus philosophy professor at Princeton University.

In it he writes that in order for someone to lie, they must first think that they know the truth. For a bullshitter, there exists no such acknowledgement of the truth.

"The bullshitter does not reject the authority of the truth, as the liar does, and oppose himself to it. He pays no attention to it at all. By virtue of this, bullshit is a greater enemy of truth than lies are."

Trump, so bent on bending the truth, has created a universe immune to facts. The most dangerous of Mr. Trump's fabrications include:

-Claiming he watched thousands and thousands of people cheering in New Jersey upon the fall of the World Trade Center.

-Claiming the Mexican government sends "the bad ones" over here and in addition calling immigrants from Mexico "rapists."

-Claiming on Twitter, "Whites killed by whites — 16%. Whites killed by blacks — 81%."

-Claiming on Twitter that vaccines cause autism.

-Claiming that climate change is a hoax concocted by China.

All proven false.

Speaking as a journalist, it goes without saying that a person who holds such disregard for the truth is infuriating. But even more alarming is when such a person is running to be president.

At that point, the person becomes an existential threat.

It is disconcerting that at times when the press has challenged Mr. Trump's wild assertions, he has reacted with the disposition of a despot, calling for muscle to remove dissent rather than confronting the challenge with intelligent discourse.

The nature of Trump's most egregious distortions are aimed at stirring up racial tension, scapegoating minorities, and striking fear in the American heart.

Those familiar with history should see the parallel between the rhetoric used by Trump and that of right-wing nationalistic fascism. Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin all come to mind as leaders who also propagated fear of "the other." It's also the same kind of fear that led to the internment of Japanese-Americans in this country during WWII. And the kind of fear that led to the Patriot Act and the NDAA. Remember: A scared populace is a compliant one.

And you, Mr. Reidy, in your letter, sound much like the organ grinder's monkey. You call immigrants "hordes of people who present more of a burden than an asset to society." You assert that Muslims are "bent on killing and hurting a whole bunch of people."

However, this fear that has led you to dehumanize whole communities is not supported in the least by facts.

Many analyses, such as one recently published by Thomas Kemeny of the University of Southampton, in the U.K., and Abigail Cooke of SUNY-Buffalo, have shown that immigrant diversity increases city productivity and overall employee wages.

Consider also that we live today in the safest period of time in recorded history. You, dear responder, are more likely to be crushed by a piece of furniture than to be killed by a terrorist.

This is not to nullify the threat of terrorism, but the fear that grips your letter is absolutely irrational and a result of media sensationalization and fear-mongering bullshitters like Mr. Trump. He himself is a terrorist using the platform created by the presidential race as a weapon of mass distortion.

You are correct in saying the nation faces many pressing issues. One of which certainly is the need for immigration reform. But Mr. Trump only adds noise and misinformation to political discourse instead of constructive ideas. Building a "great, great wall," "banning" Muslims from entering the country, and deporting every illegal immigrant are not only futile but the parlance of a petulant child.

In "An endorsement for the orange-ification of America" a satirical piece I wrote, which you refer to in your letter, you jump to the conclusion that I was making "a blatant swipe against white people" with the line "He will make America white...err, great, again."

This was a misinterpretation on your part. What I was actually ridiculing was the seemingly meaningless platitude "Make America great again" branded by Mr. Trump. When coupled with the many racists and xenophobic remarks Mr. Trump has made, his tagline can be surmised to be dog-whistle political speak directed at bigots.

And finally, shame on you, Mr. Reidy, for spewing such hate in response to a piece of political satire.

-Kevin Flores, Special Projects Editor

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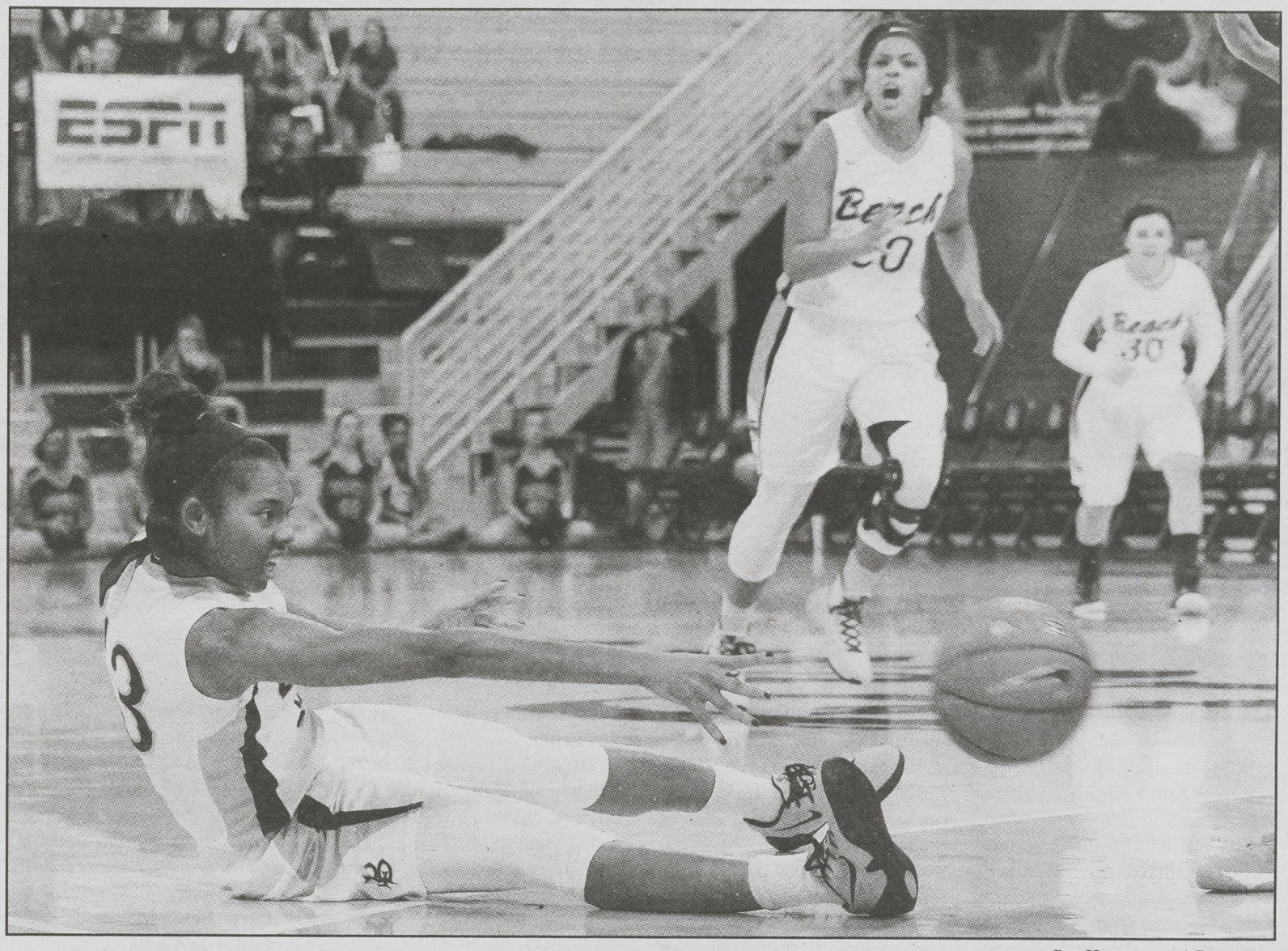
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WEEKEND PREVIEWS



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Junior forward Jewelyn Sawyer attempts a pass while sitting on the court in LBSU's win over Cal State Fullerton on Jan. 20 inside the Walter Pyramid.

Women's Basketball

Who: Cal State Northridge (3-4, 5-16)
When: Thursday at 7 p.m.
Where: Walter Pyramid

Need to Know: Long Beach State (16-5, 5-2) will try to extend its four-game winning streak and look to get some revenge against CSUN from last season's home defeat. LBSU entered that matchup with a 15-game winning streak only to have it snapped in a 67-52 defeat on Jan. 24, 2015.

After starting the season 2-16, the back-to-back Big West champion Matadors managed to win their last three games. Although LBSU lost both of last season's head-to-head games, the 49ers own the all-time series lead 36-17.

CSUN's freshman center Channon Fluker leads the Matadors in points per game with a 10.7 average and has earned the conference player of the week award two weeks in a row. The Pasadena native collected four double-doubles in her last four games, putting up an average of 23.8 points and 12 rebounds per game.

Men's Basketball

Who: Cal State Northridge (3-5, 8-14)
When: Saturday at 4 p.m.
Where: Walter Pyramid

Need to Know: Long Beach State (11-12, 5-3) will look to keep its momentum rolling when it hosts CSUN on Saturday. The 49ers pulled off two impressive victories last week, defeating UC Santa Barbara 80-70 in overtime and then handing Hawai'i its first conference loss in front of a sell-out crowd at the Stan Sheriff Center.

When these two teams met on Jan. 6, LBSU defeated the Matadors, 94-79, at Northridge. Overall, the 49ers lead the all-time series 20-14.

CSUN dropped two games in row before bouncing back against UC Irvine on Wednesday. LBSU will need to limit CSUN's leading scorer, junior guard Kendall Smith, who is shooting 42.3 percent from the field and is averaging 16.2 points per game.

Meanwhile, senior guard Nick Faust is on a tear of his own. The Raleigh, North Carolina native is fourth in the Big West in points per game, averaging 16.8.

Men's Volleyball

Who: No. 6 Stanford (7-1, 5-1)
When: Friday at 7 p.m.
Where: Walter Pyramid

Need to know: Long Beach State (7-2, 4-2) leads the all-time series against Stanford 48-28. The 49ers have won 10 of their last 12 match-ups against the Cardinal, including the last seven in a row.

Stanford is sitting in second place of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation after winning its fourth game in a row on Sunday against Southern California. The Cardinal's only defeat this season came against Brigham Young University on Jan. 16.

Senior outside hitter Hayden Madison leads Stanford with 3.82 kills per set and ranks second with 1.57 digs per set. Senior setter James Shaw is averaging 10.9 assists per game and has the Cardinal hitting at .342. Senior middle blocker Conrad Kaminski leads Stanford and ranks second in the nation with 1.52 blocks per set.

Who: No. 9 Pepperdine (6-2, 5-2)
When: Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Walter Pyramid

Need to know: Long Beach State trails the all-time series against the Waves 43-38. The 49ers have also lost their last four games against Pepperdine, including a quarterfinal matchup on April 19, 2014.

LBSU's last win against the Waves came that same year, on Jan. 14. The 49ers won in five sets at home.

Senior middle blocker Tommy Carmody had a career-high 12 blocks, four of them solo, in the Waves' 3-2 win at USC last Tuesday. Carmody leads the NCAA with 54 total blocks for an average of 1.93 blocks per set this season and Pepperdine as a team leads the nation with 3.62 blocks per set. Senior opposite Matt Tarantino recorded a career-high 20 kills in the same game. He leads Pepperdine with 3.59 kills per set.

Standings
MEN'S BASKETBALL

	Big West	OVR
1. UC Irvine	7 - 1	18 - 6
2. Hawaii	5 - 1	16 - 3
3. Long Beach State	5 - 3	11 - 12
4. UC Davis	4 - 3	9 - 11
5. UC Riverside	4 - 5	13 - 12
6. UC Santa Barbara	3 - 4	9 - 11
7. CSUN	3 - 5	8 - 14
8. Cal Poly	2 - 6	8 - 13
9. Cal State Fullerton	1 - 6	8 - 12

Standings
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	Big West	OVR
1. UC Riverside	6 - 0	13 - 7
2. Long Beach State	5 - 2	16 - 5
3. UC Davis	5 - 2	12 - 8
4. Hawaii	5 - 3	12 - 9
5. UC Santa Barbara	5 - 3	8 - 14
6. Cal Poly	3 - 4	10 - 10
7. CSUN	3 - 4	5 - 16
8. UC Irvine	1 - 7	4 - 18
9. Cal State Fullerton	0 - 8	2 - 20

Here are our Super Bowl picks, or whatever



The Daily 49er shares its thoughts on Super Bowl 50, among other things.

By Daily 49er staff

The Denver Broncos will take on the Carolina Panthers Sunday in the most widely viewed U.S. sporting event of the year: Super Bowl 50.

Unfortunately, people who don't care about football exist too. And sadly, some of the these people have infiltrated our newsroom.

The Daily 49er staff give their picks on who will end up triumphant on Sunday night.

Micayla Vermeeren
Opinions Editor

Who's playing? Broncos and Panthers? Cool names, dig the animal references. Because sports are beastly, albeit cool, it makes sense to try and make teams seem strong with animalistic connotations.

After further review, I remembered I like cats infinitely more than I like horses, and I'm always going to get down with a black color scheme. Orange and blue should never exist in a shared space, just like Lady Gaga should never tarnish the space Good Queen Carter inhabits. I'm hoping the Panthers wear black uniforms so I can make a very shallow, aesthetically driven attempt at following the action as it unfolds, and I'm hoping even more that they do something that warrants fireworks.

So, Panthers, Beyonce´, black uniforms, and fireworks. Also, my grandma's spinach artichoke dip. She makes pigs-in-blankets, but I don't eat meat so catch me hoarding the dip while hiding from my uncle's weird arm flails and my dad screaming at people who very much cannot HEAR HIM THROUGH A TV SCREEN, ROBERT.

Wait, are fireworks just for home runs?

Miranda Andrade-Ceja
Arts & Life Editor

I have a list of things I would rather do than watch the Super Bowl. That list starts with pouring hot wax on my arm and ends with having a nihilistic crisis at a 7-11 because the Slurpee machine is out of order.

Either way, I'm not watching the Super Bowl. I don't even care about the commercials. I hate that everyone thinks I care about Super Bowl commercials just because I don't watch the game itself and it's like, "What the heck? I don't even have cable!" But here is a football-related question: Why do football players wear those big hats with the fences on them?

Honestly, Colorado is a lame state anyway. Sorry to any tree lovers, it's just not my style. Have fun getting bowled. Go pumas.

Emilio Aldea
Design Editor

So, the Panthers are basically going to curb-stomp the Broncos. I'm going to watch the game and get wasted with my family because this game is probably going to be one of the worst matchups of these playoffs. I'm just there to have a good time and watch men who are roughly equivalent to what would happen if a semi-truck had a baby with an Olympic athlete give each other irreparable brain damage. There is no God. Go Arby's.

Ariana Sawyer
News Editor

Football is a disease. According to the Brain Injury Research Institute, football can cause a degenerative brain disease called Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, where parts of the brain actually atrophy. What that means is that parts of the brain wither up and die, causing a gross loss of neurons. People need neurons to think. Oh. Now it all makes sense.

Madison D'Ornellas
Managing Editor

"And the winner of Super Bowl 50 is … Beyonce´ Giselle Knowles-Carter."

Kevin Flores
Special Projects Editor

Readers, as the great reflective thinkers I assume you all to be: take a moment to acknowledge the absurdity of the Super Bowl commercial hype.

I was once given wise advice: "Never allow anyone to rent out space in your mind."

Yet ads are engineered to do just that. And the sophistication with which they hijack our subconscious is only growing. The jingles, the taglines, the brand characters, the logos are nothing but cultural pollution. They colonize our minds and render junk thought. Corporations not satisfied with polluting our Earth also pollute our mental environment.

The author David Foster Wallace once wrote, "Americans seem no longer united so much by common beliefs as by common images."

That Super Bowl commercials have become such a phenomenon says a lot about our culture's consumerist values. We relish the entertainment value of the vehicle used to inoculate us with empty desires. It's downright bewildering. So this Sunday, dear readers, I suggest you abstain from the barrage of ads beamed into your brain.

That said, go Broncos.

Josh Barajas
Sports Editor

Last week I wrote a column where I said that the Panthers were going to beat the Broncos. I actually wrote that the Panthers were going to annihilate the Broncos. Of course, I wrote that before Cam Newton decided to wear those god-awful zebra-print $900 Versace pants.

If you haven't seen these crime-against-humanity pair of pants, consider yourself one of the lucky ones. They are the worst thing to happen to a Super Bowl since Coldplay.

Newton's choice to wear ugly pants makes me question all his decision making skills a mere week away from the biggest game of his life. He let the hype get to him. He feels he can do whatever, whenever he wants. And he probably could, but the pants were a step too far.

Newton will continue making poor choices. Broncos win in a close game.

Trang Le
Photo Editor

Are the Dodgers playing?

I don't know about you, but you can find me waving pom poms during the Olympics. There's something much more impressive in the way the Olympics unite countries together. What's football even about? Commercialism, gambling and angry fans?

If there's one impressive factor about the Super Bowl, it's the advertisements. Companies will easily spend $4 million for a 30-second ad that viewers will not even be watching. I won't be watching the Super Bowl, but I'll be on the Netflix and beer hype for whoever wants to join.

Greg Diaz
Editor-in-Chief

"There's games beyond the game," as Stringer Bell once said. And much like for Stringer, with the Super Bowl, those games usually involve money. Now, let's be honest here, we've had some good luck with excellent Super Bowls in the past decade. This shouldn't be one of those years. Cam Newton and the Panthers should have no trouble with Peyton Manning's noodle arm.

It is at this point that I should mention that gambling is not legal in California.

But if gambling were legal, here are some predictions for Sunday's game beyond the game:

Cam Newton will mock pulling open his shirt like Superman at least 3 times (5-7 odds), as he sets a record with 4 rushing touchdowns.

The winning coach will get blue Gatorade poured on him (3-1).

Coldplay will lead off the halftime show to "Fix You" (6-2), much to the delight of your Aunt, who will talk about it on Facebook endlessly.

Peyton Manning will both cry (6-1) and announce his retirement (5-1) after seeing Coldplay perform "Fix You" (and his fourth interception).

The winning team will score more points in the game than Trump will get percentage points in the New Hampshire Primary.

Buttons will lead Team Fluff to victory and win the MVP in this year's Puppy Bowl. I did not find odds on this, but mark it down.

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